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## RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

This paper is filed in response to the office action dated December 17, 2001.

REMARKS

The examiner states that claims 1-79 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-36 and 43-52, drawn to dispersant composition and emulsions, classified in class 516, subclass 58.
- II. Claims 37-42 and 53-79, drawn to an encapsulated material, classified in class 428, subclass 402.2.

Applicant provisionally elects group I (claims 1-36 and 43-52) for further prosecution with traverse.

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